

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of DAISY M. PERRY, JAMES  
TERREAL LAMONT JACKSON, TAKISHA L.  
MATHIS, CHAMIQUE N. MATHIS, ANTWAN  
L. JACKSON, DESHAWN M. JACKSON, and  
LAMONT JACKSON, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

FELICIA JACKSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JAMES LAMONT,

Respondent.

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May 22, 2007

No. 273993

Berrien Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 04-000110-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Saad and Murray, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals the trial court order terminating her parental rights to her minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that clear and convincing evidence warranted termination under the statutory grounds. See *In re Fried*, 266 Mich App 535, 540-541; 702 NW2d 192 (2005); MCR 3.977(J). At the time of adjudication, respondent-appellant lacked adequate housing, had virtually no income, no job, and little prospect of obtaining a job or other source of income. These conditions continued to exist 25 months later, at the time of the termination trial, despite the provision of numerous services. Respondent-appellant's health issues purportedly prevented her from working during much of the time that the case was before the trial court, and there was no indication that she would be able to care for her seven young children at any time in the near future. Moreover, her parenting skills continued to be poor, and her visits with the children were chaotic. Consequently, respondent-appellant was no more able

to provide for the proper care and custody of the children at the time of termination than at adjudication.

For the same reasons, the record also supports the trial court's finding that termination was not contrary to the best interests of the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The children had developmental and educational delays due to deprivation that occurred in the home, and they required special education and language services and would require ongoing therapy regarding issues of anger and distrust. They had been in a state of turmoil for two years and needed some permanency.

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White  
/s/ Henry William Saad  
/s/ Christopher M. Murray